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NEWS RELEASE

International Gang Awareness Day Set for Monday September 19th

Date & Time: Monday, September 19, 2016
Location: City Wide

EL PASO, TEXAS: The International Gang Awareness Day is scheduled for Monday, September 19th. The El Paso Police Department's Gang Unit, Sgt. Patrick Natividad is the current 2nd Vice President of the Texas Gang Investigators of Texas and is member of National Alliance of Gang Investigators Association (NAGIA). Monday, September 19th has been designated to bring global awareness to the violent problems criminal street gangs pose on our communities. The El Paso Police Department has attached an information sheet to help parents identify potential gang activities displayed by their children and are as follows:

- Admits to "hanging out" with kids in gangs
- Shows an unusual interest in one or two particular colors of clothing or a particular logo
- Has an unusual interest in gangster-influenced music, videos, movies or websites
- Has specific drawings or gang symbols on school books, clothes, walls, or tattoos
- Comes home with unexplained physical injuries (fighting-related bruises, injuries to hand/knuckles)
- Has unexplained cash or goods, such as clothing or jewelry
- Carries a weapon
- Has been in trouble with the police
- Exhibits negative changes in behavior such as: Withdrawing from family, declining school attendance, performance, behavior, staying out late without reason, displaying an unusual desire for secrecy, exhibiting signs of drug use, breaking rules consistently, and speaking in gang-style slang

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